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Please have EU evaluate

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Hi Mark,

Reviewed the water tests that were stated in the ppt presentation and saw that a number of tests had been omitted (TDS,BOD,COD,CN-....). I am concerned about the lack of cyanide tests that weren't performed, especially since there are combustion reactions occurring due to burning. It seems that only tests for oil presence were performed instead of seeing what was in the water after oil was skimmed. As a water chemist who tested cooling waters in an oil refinery(before dumping it back into the Calumet-Sag channel), I think it is imperative that the water should be at least tested for cyanide before dumping it back into the Gulf or at least have some baseline water data.

I'm sure you know this, some people in Louisiana are complaining of olfactory irritation despite the fact that the air is okay. I learned this in the June NEJAC call-in.

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